

**CLAIM SET AS AMENDED:**

1. (Currently Amended) A component parts box for a vehicle containing a plurality of component parts comprising:

a pair of mounting plates for mounting the component parts box onto the vehicle in an inclined positioned;

a plurality of substrates, said plurality of substrates being arranged in line in a stepped manner and being disposed between the pair of mounting plates; and

a plurality of component parts being arranged in a line on each of the substrates wherein the connecting terminals of the component parts ~~are opposed to~~ face the associated substrate.

2. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the component parts are each provided with ~~a set of~~ a plurality of connecting terminals, the connecting terminals being connected ~~together~~ to the associated substrate.

3. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein three substrates are positioned within said components parts box, a first substrate being arranged in a first predetermined position, a second substrate disposed adjacent to said first substrate and being displaced relative to said first substrate ~~to overlap a predetermined distance relative thereto~~, and a third substrate being disposed adjacent to said second

substrate and being displaced relative to said second substrate ~~to overlap a predetermined distance relative thereto.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of components are relays, said relays being arranged in a line and being mounted on ~~a respective substrate~~ each of the substrates.

5. (Original) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said component parts box includes at least one inclined surface with said plurality of substrates being disposed in said stepped manner along an inner surface of said inclined surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, and further including conductors connected to each of said substrates, each of said conductors being disposed on a plane that is stepped relative to ~~an adjacent conductor~~ the conductors on the adjacent substrates for reducing the area required for connecting said substrates to an electrical system of a the vehicle.

7. (Currently Amended) A component parts box for a vehicle containing a plurality of component parts comprising:

a housing, said housing including an upper surface and a lower surface, an inclined connecting wall surface for securing a first end of said upper surface to a first end said lower surface, and a stepped connecting wall for securing a second end of said upper surface to a second end of said lower surface;

a plurality of substrates, said plurality of substrates being disposed in a stepped arrangement along said stepped connecting wall in a stepped manner; and

a plurality of component parts being arranged in a line on each of the substrates.

8. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the component parts are each provided with ~~a set of~~ a plurality of connecting terminals, the connecting terminals being connected ~~together~~ to the associated substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein three substrates are positioned within said components parts box, a first substrate being arranged in a first predetermined position, a second substrate disposed adjacent to said first substrate and being displaced relative to said first substrate ~~to overlap a predetermined distance relative thereto~~, and a third substrate being disposed adjacent to said second substrate and being displaced relative to said second substrate ~~to overlap a predetermined distance relative thereto~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of components are relays, said relays being arranged in a line and being mounted on ~~a respective substrate~~ each of the substrates.

11. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein ~~said component parts box includes at least one inclined surface~~ with said plurality of substrates being disposed in said stepped manner along an inner surface of said inclined surface.

12. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, and further including conductors connected to each of said substrates, each of said conductors being disposed on a plane that is stepped relative to ~~an adjacent conductor~~ the conductors on the adjacent substrates for reducing the area required for connecting said substrates to an electrical system of a the vehicle.

13. (New) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, further including hooks at longitudinal ends of each of the substrates for engaging with the component parts box.

14. (New) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, further including hooks at longitudinal ends of each of the substrates for engaging with the component parts box.

15. (New) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, further including a pair of mounting plates for mounting the component parts box onto a fender of the vehicle.